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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

SPIERS et al.

Serial No.: 09/682,209

Filed: August 6, 2001

Atty. File No.: 46286-01006

For: "BLOCK DATA STORAGE  
WITHIN A COMPUTER  
NETWORK"

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

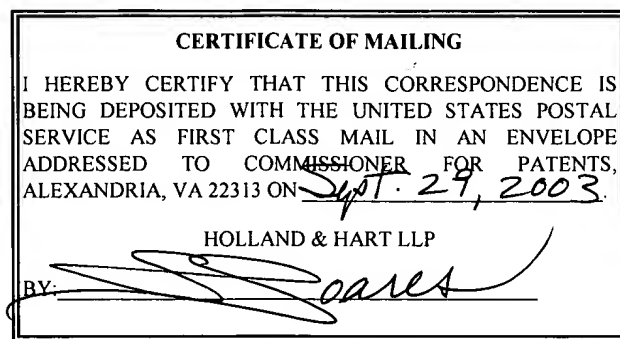
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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The assignee of the above-identified application, through its attorney, respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2003, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from June 27, 2003 to September 29, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$465.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,

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